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SUBJ: VISIT OF PAN AM REP BERMAN-A ROUTE THROUGH LOME?

1. PANAM REP BERMAN IN LOME JULY 20-21. HE SPENT 3 HOURS TALKING WITH TOGOLESE DIRECTOR OF CIVIL AVIATION KANGNI AND MADE TENTATIVE PLANS TO RETURN THE END OF AUGUST FOR FURTHER DISCUSSIONS. BERMAN LEFT A REQUEST FOR STATISTICS WITH THE DIRECTOR OF CIVIL AVIATION WHICH NEED TO BE COMPILED BEFORE PROGRESS CAN BE MADE. ALSO BEFORE LEAVING BERMAN CABLED FAA REP NEWELL IN MONROVIA REQUESTING HE COME TO LOME TO CHECK OUT THE AIRPORT WITH A VIEW TO ITS OBTAINING FAA APPROVAL.

2. DURING TALK WITH KANGNI BERMAN MADE THREE MAIN POINTS. FIRST, PANAM WOULD NOT DO ANYTHING THAT WOULD STRAIN RELATIONS WITH AIR AFRIQUE. SECOND, THAT AS A PRIVATE COMPANY DECISIONS ON ROUTES ARE MADE ON THE BASIS OF PROFITABILITY. THIRDLY, THAT IN JUNE 1978 PANAM INTENDS TO INTRODUCE 747 SERVICE TO AFRICA.

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3. ASKED ABOUT POSSIBILITY OF PAN AM SERVICE TO LOME IN CONTEXT THERE PARAMETERS, BERMAN SAID THAT A FLIGHT FROM NEW YORK TO DAKAR, MONROVIA, LOME, LAGOS, KINSHASA, TERMINATING IN NAIROBI AND BACK AGAIN MIGHT BE FEASIBLE. HOWEVER, PANAM WOULD NEED STATISTICS ON THE ORIGIN AND DESTINATIONS OF PASSENGER AND FREIGHT TRAFFIC INTO AND OUT OF LOME. DIRECTOR KANGNI AGREED

TO COMPILE THE STATISTICS PRIOR TO THEIR NEXT MEETING.
REGARDING 747'S BERMAN SAID LOME AIRPORT ALREADY
ACCOMODATES WIDE BODY DC10'S, BUT AN ENGINEER WOULD
HAVE TO DETERMINE WHAT IF ANY MODIFICATIONS IN RUNWAY
WIDTH AND PARKING AREA WOULD BE NECESSARY FOR 747 TAXIING
AND MANEUVERING. BERMAN ALSO THREW OUT IDEAS REGARDING 747
SERVICE TO LOME WITH NIGERIAN AIRWAYS FEEDER SERVICE TO/FROM
LAGOS OR BLOCKED SPACE ARRANGEMENTS.

4. AT THE CLOSE OF THEIR MEETING, BERMAN MENTIONED
POSSIBLE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND TECHNICAL TRAINING
AID. HE ALSO BROUGHT UP THE SUBJECT OF TRAINING
WITH THE AMBASSADOR AND ASKED ABOUT THE POSSIBILITIES
OF COORDINATING ANY FUTURE PROGRAM OF GROUD SUPPORT
TRAINING WITH THE FAA SECURITY TRAINING SCHOOL
IN OKLAHOMA ON A COST SHARING BASIS, A PROCEDURE
WHICH HE SAID HAS BEEN USED BEFORE.

5. IN CONTEXT DISCUSSION LIKELY FUTURE GROWTH OF
LOME AS CONFERENCE AND REGIONAL CENTER, BERMAN
SAID HE PLANNED TO ENCOURAGE PANAM SENIOR PERSONNEL,
INCLUDING VP FOR EUROPE AND AFRICA TO VISIT.
BERMAN ALSO SAID HE WOULD RECOMMEND THAT
INTERCONTINENTAL HOTEL REP VISIT TO LOOK OVER SITUATION.
BERMAN SAID HE WAS AGREEABLY SURPRISED BY
ECONOMIC AND TOURISTIC DEVELOPMENT WHICH HAD TAKEN
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PLACE SINCE HIS LAST VISIT.

6. COMMENT: EMBASSY FEELS THE VISIT WENT VERY
WELL. THERE IS SERIOUS INTENT ON BOTH SIDES TO
EXAMINE PANAM SERVICE QUESTION THOROUGHLY.
REGARDLESS OF THE OUTCOME, TOGO NO LONGER LIKELY TO
HAVE CUASE TO FEEL NEGLECTED BY PANAM. PALMER

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